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In re Application of:  
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Serial No.: 09/747,029

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For: PEPTIDES DESIGNED FOR DIAGNOSIS  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 2, 2002**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2002 for which the three-month date for response is January 2, 2003.

It is believed that no fee is due; however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11362.0031.NPUS00.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.